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5 Applicant: RICHARD E. STAERZL

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, please amend the above-

20 identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9.